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The Honorable Keith Ingram, Chair The Honorable Chris Richey, Chair Arkansas Lottery Legislative Oversight Committee State Capitol Building Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Senator Ingram and Representative Richey:

In accordance with Arkansas Code Annotated 6-85-219(b), I am submitting for your review the Arkansas Department of Higher Education (ADHE) recommendation for the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program.

I propose an evaluation and analysis of the scholarship with the following principles in mind:

• The scholarship program should be reviewed in conjunction with other state financial aid programs to ensure that college affordability combined with student performance is a priority.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Maria Markham, Ph.D. Director